*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

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Entitled: A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING A DUAL ANTAGONIST AGAINS $PGD_2/TXA_2$ RECEPTORS HAVING A [2.2.1] OR [3.1.1] BICYCLIC SKELETON

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant's respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**In the Claims:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) (3), please substitute for pending claims 12-19 with the following clean version of the claims. The changes to these claims are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version of Claims."

12. (Amended) The compound according to claim 8 wherein $X^2$ is a bond, $-CH_2-$, $-S-$, $-SO_2-$, $-CH_2-O-$, $-O-CH_2-$, $-CH_2-S-$ or $-S-CH_2-$, the prodrug, the pharmaceutically acceptable salt, the hydrate thereof.

13. (Amended) The compound according to claim 8 wherein $R^1$ is $-CH_2-CH=CH-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-COOH$, m is 0, and p is 0, the prodrug, the pharmaceutically acceptable salt, the hydrate thereof.

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14. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound according to claim 8.

15. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition having a dual antagonistic activity against $PGD_2/TXA_2$ receptors which comprises a compound according to claim 8.

16. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 14, which is used for asthma.

17. (Amended) The pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 14, which is used for nasal blockage.

18. (Amended) Use of the compound according to claim 8 for manufacturing a pharmaceutical composition for asthma or nasal blockage.

19. (Amended) A method for treating asthma or nasal blockage which comprises administering the compound according to claim 8.



## REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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